CLOSE PROTECTION COURSE

DUBLIN

AUGUST 17TH – 28TH

Price €1,600
Or € 1,990
(Including Accommodation & Transport to and from your bed & breakfast).

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Upon successful completion of the course each candidate will receive a Btec level 3 qualification in Close Protection Operations which is awarded by Edexcel, an internationally recognised awarding body.

This qualification is essential for operatives who wish to work within Ireland, Europe or England or for any U.K registered private contracting company. It is the law in the U.K under the private security act 2001 that all operatives are licenced by the Security Industry Authority (S.I.A) and there are substantial fines for those caught working without a licence.

The qualification also has its merits elsewhere in the world as more and more employment agencies in this particular sector of security are recognising the certification received as a standard internationally. We have contracts with supply companies from as far afield as Tahiti and Kazakhstan to train their existing staff to this level.
This is a unique opportunity for those employed in the security industry to take their profession to the next level. It is also a valuable course for ex-military or police looking to bridge the transition to the civilian executive protection market.

Whatever your background, this course could very well be the key to a new and exciting career that may take you around the world providing protection for the rich and famous.

The course is intensive and requires a great deal of self-motivation, discipline, team work and focus, all attributes of a well-rounded C.P.O (close protection operative).

The usual class time is from 09.00 hrs until 18.00 hrs but candidates are then expected to work on tasks and assignments that the instructors give on a daily basis, so be prepared to work into the night!

Each candidate is expected to complete a portfolio of their work over the two weeks which includes a 47 question workbook and all missions or assignments that they are given to work on. This portfolio will be assessed by an internal assessor and must be passed in order to complete the course.

There is also a main operation to be planned and executed which will also be assessed and finally a 60 question multiple choice exam on the final day.

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Course Contents:

- The CPO and team
- Body protection drills
- Embus and Debus drills
- Route selection and planning
- Reconaisance
- Searching of vehicles, persons and venues
- IED awareness (improvised explosive device)
- Surveillance awareness, anti/counter surveillance
- Operational intelligence / Operational planning
- Conflict Management
- Law and Legislation
- Communication – radio, written
- Immediate action drills
- Assassination case studies
- Convoy driving practical skills
- First and third party defensive techniques

Accommodation: We provide a luxury bed and breakfast which includes full breakfast. Your room is en-suite with TV in the room.
What You Need To Bring:

Clothing. You will need to change twice a day:

1. Training Gear
   - Tracksuit
   - Jogging shoes
   - Sports socks
   - Groin guard
   - Towel

2. Outdoor Wear
   - Water proof jacket and leggings
   - Strong walking boots
   - Woollen/ Thermal socks
   - Warm winter jacket

Food
We will have 3 breaks per day. Two of fifteen minutes and one of 45 minutes. Tea, coffee, soup and sandwiches are supplied in the course fee. Please feel free to bring any foods you like to eat or food supplements.

Stationary
   - Hard back note book,A4. Be sure this is big enough to last the entire course
   - Black pens
   - Two highlighter pens, green & orange
   - Ruler

Computer
If you have a laptop please bring this with you. Don't worry if you don't have one - as all candidates will have access to the schools PC's.
Course areas covered are:

**History and case studies**

A look at relevant historical protection related events to provide and by protection operators, where protecting lifestyle and the prevention of embarrassment are more relevant than ‘catching bullets’ and looking under every rock for an improvised explosive device. Participants are expected to analyse the provided examples themselves, draw comparisons and identify key points from a variety of examples in addition to applying the knowledge and understanding gained from the training to identify mistakes or what could have been done better.

**The roles and responsibilities of the CP operator**

Provides the background knowledge of the scope of abilities often expected from a professional protection operator, from being a glorified personal assistant, or fashion accessory to actually doing the job of providing a protective service to a principal with a threat against them. More specifically, this covers the roles within a team providing protection and additional administrative points.

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The concept of intelligence lead security operations

Outside of government sponsored or large organisations protective security operations generally do not have access to meaningful intelligence resources; relying instead on Operational intelligence to lead the risk management process.

Gathering, handling and utilising operational intelligence

There is little point working an intelligence lead operation, without knowing how to best and properly utilise the intelligence gathered. This training provides the understanding of how to gather and use the intelligence to build and use an intelligence picture.

Threat and risk assessment

The cornerstone of any protective security operation. Without an in depth understanding of threat, risk and a means of assessing them with a quantifiable, justifiable outcome, an operator is essentially operating blind. Looking at both the wider threat and risk assessment and the on-the-ground threat assessment & dynamic risk profiles; the training provides the framework for and develops an applied understanding of a threat & risk assessment methodology for those students to take and use or develop further.

Planning protective security operations

Where working alone as operators often do, an understanding and ability to apply time management and methodical planning to an operation can be significant, this prepares you for that and adds to existing personal planning skills.

Development of interpersonal skills, communication and conflict management techniques

Being able to communicate effectively and appropriately in any situation is a vital skill. Fostering an understanding of the factors involved in complex human interactions and how to best use this to diffuse conflict with others.

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Searching

Delivers the understanding of not only methodologies for searching people, and locations but the legal aspect the realities of how limited civilian on civilian are. Actions on what to do when items are found on people, places or vehicles. IED and surveillance device searching of vehicles is an integral aspect of close protection.

Route selection, planning & reconnaissance

The primary means of moving a protected person around is within a road vehicle. To make this as safely and efficiently as possible it is important to understand what makes a good route and how it can affect the protective operation or just getting somewhere on time.

Vehicle drills, considerations and preparation

Having the route all planned out and looked at; now we come to looking at the vehicles. Understanding the vulnerabilities and strengths they offer, utilising them to best effect and keeping them prepared, maintained and secure and getting a principal into and out of a vehicle under protection.

Movement on foot

When protecting a person or carrying high value assets as protection operators may do (outside of normal Cash & Valuables in Transit roles) it is important to understand how to provide protection to a principal, yourself & other operators. This training looks at moving as a solo operator with a human principal through a variety of environments, such as the one pictured below; all the way up to utilising larger formation movement with multiple operators present. Whilst rare, large numbers of operators do some times deploy with a principal together.
**Reaction to attack**

We cannot always see an coming or it might be an opportunist with no prior warning. Protected people and assets can come under a variety of attacks from a variety of sources from organised groups to simple (but no less dangerous) street crime. This training provides a basis to being able to make a snap assessment make the appropriate decisions and take the best course of action.

**Incident and dilemma management**

Through academic instruction and scenario based training, based upon individual and team drills a variety of scenarios can be prepared for while developing the ability for think on their feet. You cannot participants to train for every scenario but you can train to assess and react rapidly. Scenarios develop and test analytical and physical reactions under stressed conditions and include a variety of scenarios from simple but important dilemmas to medical and security situations.

**Personal security & safety training**

Following the mantra that if you cannot keep yourself safe how can you keep someone else safe; this lesson provides a basis for both the security of the operator and a basis of information which can be passed to others; such as a person under the operators protection.

**Personal and third party defence**

Physical training in the means to end a threatening situation, protect yourself or anyone else under physical attack. The training consists of generic principles anyone can use and apply when needed and tests them within both scenarios and pressure testing drills in stressed circumstances.

**Securing a static principal**

Intended to develop an understanding of how to establish a secured static location around the principal point of protection, this training covers such subjects as patrolling, effective use of manpower and use of the environment in which security is being provided to provide further protection and effectiveness of patrols and conducing a basic physical security survey.
Surveillance awareness and anti-surveillance

Surveillance is a step often taken to gather intelligence on the target of an action over a long period of time or very short term. Spotting, deterring or preventing information being gathered by those who would attack our principal or us is therefore a very important skill, teaching how to conduct a surveillance vulnerability assessment and a range of drills in order to make any hostile surveillance show out.

Assessment:
You will be assessed by the following means, all of which will be based upon the academic and practical training provided.

Personal Development Record (PDR)
- a portfolio evidencing your progress and understanding of your academic and practical training. Simply completing the portfolio is not enough, you must demonstrate understanding of its content.

A live test exercise conducted with a principal under observation from instructors and the principal themselves.

A formal multiple choice exam
All areas of assessment must be passed in order to achieve the qualification and satisfy the competency criteria for the Security Industry Authority license to practise in the Close Protection sector.

First aid at work training

We also include at no extra cost the first aid at work training that is a pre-requisite to gaining a C.P operator’s licence (You need both a First aid at Work and Close Protection certificate to apply for a licence). Many training companies charge an additional €250 - €350 for this qualification.

The fee for our training program is €1600 which is inclusive of First aid at work certification, close protection manual, all training materials, C.V building service and access to our extensive list of contacts in both executive and hostile environment protection roles.

We guarantee there are no hidden extra charges in our program as there is with many other training providers. We are so confident of our training program that we offer a free re-sit should any candidate fail to pass the course.
Please take time to have a look through the course content which details the course components and also the assessment process.

Places are limited to keep a good instructor to student ratio so early booking is recommended.

A €500 euro deposit secures a place and the final date for applications is the 1\textsuperscript{st} of July.

**FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE**

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